Library

Proposed User Fees

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Introduction to department fees:

- Total department revenues (FY08): $1,629,349
- Revenue generated from user fines & fees: $1,159,171
- Total number of user fees in department: 39 - majority of fines or fees under $2.00
- Year of last revision: 2005
- Number of user fees proposed to increase: 1
- Potential increase in revenue if proposed user fine is approved: $110,000
- Majority of Library revenue from fines for overdue materials.
- The Library BPR Study was approved in FY 2009.

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Fee Description	Current Fee	Proposed Fee	Current Revenue	Proposed Revenue	Change ($)	Change (%)	Current Cost Recovery	Proposed Cost Recovery
Category I								
Category II								
Category III								
Adult Library Fine	$ 0.25	$ 0.30	$ 550,000	$ 660,000	$ 110,000	20%	n/a	n/a

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- Library fines are reviewed and discussed regionally.

- Currently Chula Vista Library at $0.30 per day for Adult fines; County at $0.25

- Implementation anticipated start of FY10

- Potential issues
  - Fines serve as a deterrent to returning items late and could decrease revenue
  - Could decrease circulation of materials

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- Impact on community
  - Overall impact estimated to be minimal
  - Borrowers can avoid fines by returning items on time

- Communication to affected parties
  - Library web site, newsletters and bookmarks
  - City Council agenda and minutes

Stakeholder Meetings

- Public informed through the following:
  - Library Commission
  - Library web site
  - Library newsletters
  - Notices at Library facilities
  - Alternative methods such as bookmarks
  - Library card applications

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Questions?